



## Sharon Kay Leffel

August 18, 1949 - September 21, 2014

Bluefield, WV- Sharon Kay Leffel, of Bluefield, WV passed away peacefully on Sunday September 21, 2014, after a very short illness with cancer. Sharon, born August 18, 1949 served the City of Bluefield for thirty eight years; she always had an upbeat personality and was known for being happy.

Sharon ran the Bluefield Flea Market for many years and continued part-time at the City Garage after retirement. She loved “the mens,” as she endearingly referred to them, and built lasting friendships with the guys at the garage.

In addition to her career, Sharon had a passion for helping those in need. She had a lasting love for animals and was always willing to help a furry friend.

She held a special relationship with all of her nieces and nephews, playing an integral role in each of their lives. She generously spent much of her time as a special friend and care giver to Ida Lee Hawkins in the years preceding Ida’s death.

Sharon always enjoyed gardening, going to yard sales, and cooking for her friends & family. She was a member of the Immanuel Luthern Church in Bluefield.

Sharon was preceded in death by: both parents, William Benton Leffel and Mary Louise Fowler Leffel; paternal grandparents, S.E. Leffel and Dorothy Leffel; maternal grandparents, Cleveland Saunders Fowler and Martha Sue Fowler.

Sharon is survived by: sister and best friend Rhonda Hawkins and husband Eric of Bluefield; brother Doug Leffel and wife Anne of Vinton, Va; sister in law

Loretta Carrigan of Bluefield; nephews, Ryan O'Connor Hawkins and companion Melissa Harvey and children of Ghent, WV, Joshua Benton Hawkins and wife Stephanie of Greensboro, NC, and Justin Grey Hawkins of Bluefield; nieces, Kathy Leffel Goetz and husband Russ of Burlington, and Maggie T. Williford and husband Brad of Holly Springs, NC; great nieces and nephews, Ashley and Joey Neve, Caroline and Kyle Williford, and her namesake, Raylan Kay Hawkins due in December.

In addition to her family, Sharon is survived by many special friends, including Dallas Fowler and cousin Betty Jo Zapparosky.

In lieu of flowers, Sharon would have appreciated monetary, time, or supply donations made to the Mercer County Animal Shelter, Pet Haven, or Mercer County Spay Association.

Services will be held at Mercer Funeral Home on Wednesday, September 24 with family receiving friends at 5:00pm followed by a memorial service at 7:30pm. Private burial will be held for family with nephews and great-nephews serving as pallbearers.

Those wishing to share memories or condolence messages with the family may do so by visiting [www.MercerFuneralHome.com](http://www.MercerFuneralHome.com) Mercer Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the family of Sharon Kay Leffel.

# Cemetery Details

## Grandview Memory Gardens

Bluefield, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 24. 5:00 PM - 7:30 PM (ET)

Mercer Funeral Home Chapel  
1231 West Cumberland Road  
Bluefield, WV 24701

## Funeral Service

SEP 24. 7:30 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sharon Kay Leffel*

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October 05, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ *Rhonda, Eric & family: I am so sorry for the loss of your special sister, aunt, and friend. She was an amazing and special person. As you know we worked together at the Grand a Theater in the early '70's and shared some wonderful memories for many years to come. There are no words to ease your pain. I pray God will wrap you in his loving arms and give you strength to endure.*

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**Anita & Ed Myers** - September 28, 2014 at 05:03 PM



“ *Doug and Rhonda:  
Sharon and I shared many cousin/ friend memories, from playing together on Tazewell Avenue to getting in trouble at school for "talking too much". Imagine that!  
I remember with fondness eating green apples, playing, digging up Mrs. Burkett's onions, plus many more fun times!  
I wish I could have come in Wednesday but just returned from out of state. I love all of you cousins and wish we lived near each other to continue memories. I loved Sharon and will always chuckle at the childhood times.  
Barbara Leffel Hess*

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**Barbara Leffel Hess** - September 24, 2014 at 02:04 PM

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“ I felt a stab of pain to learn that Sharon has passed away. When I was an employee in the Bluefield City Manager's office from 2003-2005, Sharon was a bright spot every day. She had a kind heart and infectious laughter, and our conversations revolved around so many different subjects, especially her nieces and nephews, whom she loved with a passion. May God comfort all her family and friends in their grief and give Sharon everlasting life.

*Annette Yurkovich Brichford (formerly Annette Shumate)*

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**Annette Yurkovich Brichford** - September 24, 2014 at 01:26 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers with you in this time of sorrow. May God bless and keep you and give you peace knowing that Sharon is no longer suffering, but is in a better place. May happy memories of days spent with Sharon continue to bolster your spirits as you go through this trying time. Blessings. Drema Shireman, former City Clerk an friend of Sharon.

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**Drema Shireman** - September 23, 2014 at 04:33 PM

DA

“ Doug and Anne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sharon Kay Leffel.



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**Doug and Anne** - September 23, 2014 at 02:14 PM